GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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SILK EXPORTS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of silk exported during 99-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 upto January, 2002, country-wise;

(b) the details of foreign exchange earned therefrom, year-wise and country-wise;

(c) the target of export of silk fixed during current year;

(d) whether the Government have taken all steps to achieve the target despite unfavourable circumstances;

(e) whether the Government propose to provide incentives to silk producers and exporters;

(f) if so, the details thereof and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a)& (b) Data in-terms of quantity exported country-wise is not available . The year-wise and country-wise foreign exchange earned through export of silk items during the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and April to October 2001-2002 is given blow:-

(Provisional figures ; Value: Crore Rs.)

Country	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02 (April-October)
U.S.A	591.16	869.07	352.04
GERMANY	164.82	218.63	90.37
U.K	176.26	185.65	92.48
HONG KONG	105.53	149.51	133.15
ITALY	127.78	176.70	60.05
U.A.E	60.18	88.77	58.91
SINGAPORE	36.47	65.68	37.43
FRANCE	81.46	94.66	39.70
SPAIN	45.32	78.05	30.81
SAUDI ARABIA	19.18	25.98	60.70
CANADA	32.09	44.18	20.45
JAPAN	29.97	54.31	15.45
OTHERS	285.33	370.13	213.02
GRAND TOTAL	1755.55	2421.32	1204.56

Source : Foreign Trade Statistics of India (Principal Commodities & Countries), DGCI&S, Kolkata.

(c) The target of silk export earnings fixed for the year 2001-02 is US$ 430 million.

(d) to (g) The Government is taking several steps to increase the exports of silk products:-

(i) The Government is providing assistance to the Indian Silk Export Promotion Council, Mumbai for undertaking various export promotion activities such as participation in international fairs, organizing generic promotion stalls in domestic fairs like TexStyles India, Publicity in foreign trade magazines, publication of magazine `Silk India` and colour forecast card for domestic silk manufacturers, dissemination of overseas trade information among exporters, etc.

(ii) Government has rationalized value addition/Input-output norms specified under the Exim Policy extended to exporters, the facility of duty free import of raw material under the Advance Licensing Scheme, import of capital goods at concessional rate of duty for export products.

(iii) For Technological up-gradation of the industry loan at 5% point less than applicable rate, under the Technological Up-gradation Fund Scheme for the Textiles sector is available inter alia to the silk sector.

(iv) Govt. have initiated a production programme of high quality of bivoltine silk to improve quality of Indian silk and its productivity & cost competitiveness.

(v) Import of raw silk has been liberalized by being brought under OGL, which has increased availability of good quality silk.